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O R 291405Z MAR 74
FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8723
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ETRD, EC, DA
SUBJ: US/EC 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. STATE 62093, B. STATE 62026

1. WE BRIEFED FONOFF ON PACKAGE CONTAINED REF B
LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 28. THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED
TELEXED COPY OF EBERLE-SOAMES LETTER FROM BRUSSELS
AND WERE STUDYING IT. WE WENT OVER MAIN POINTS
OUR POSITION, UNDERLINING URGENCY OF OBTAINING
COUNCIL APPROVAL AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING SO THAT
WE CAN CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS IN APRIL.

2. DCM AND ECONOFF MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY
JENS CHRISTENSEN MORNING OF MARCH 29 TO GO OVER
POINTS ONCE AGAIN. CHRISTENSEN SAW ABSOLUTELY
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NO PROBLEMS IN DANISH SUPPORT FOR SETTLEMENT ALONG

LINES U.S. PACKAGE. HE REPEATED HIS OFT-REPORTED POSITION THAT 24:6 HAS BEEN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN US-EC RELATIONS ON WHICH SETTLEMENT MUST BE MADE OUT OF POLITICAL AND NOT ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. HE INITIALLY EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE COUNCIL COULD DO MUCH MORE THAN TAKE NOTE OF NEW U.S. OFFER AT APRIL 1-2 MEETING. AMONG OTHER PROBLEMS IN GETTING COUNCIL TO REACH ANY DECISIONS IN THIS PERIOD, HE THOUGHT FRENCH WOULD SEIZE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY LAST-MINUTE ADDITION OF 24:6 TO AGENDA BY CLAIMING INSUFFICIENT EC PREPARATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF U.S. PROPOSAL REQUIRING DECISION BE POSTPONED UNTIL MAY MEETING. AFTER WE PRESSED URGENCY ON HIM OF EARLY DECISION, HE SAID HE WOULD TALK WITH FONMIN GULDBERG AND ASK HIM TO MAKE STATEMENT AT COUNCIL FAVORING ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. PROPOSAL. HE BELIEVED HE WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT, IN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO FONMIN'S PRO-FRENCH PROCLIVITIES, SAID THERE MIGHT BE SOME DIFFICULTIES. CROWE

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